

Health Information Technology

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Over the past several years, health care reform has been a widely discussed topic at both the state and federal levels. Policy discussions have focused not only on how to cover the cost of insuring the millions of Americans who lack insurance, but also on how to improve quality of care while lowering cost. Many in the healthcare industry believe that Health Information Technology (HIT), including Electronic Medical Records (EMR) and Electronic Health Records (EHR), holds some promise as a tool for achieving better quality care at lower cost. This bibliography provides resources about HIT, EMR, and EHR.

Accelerating Progress: Using Health Information Technology and Electronic Health Information Exchange to Improve Care – First Annual Report and Recommendations from the State Alliance for E-Health / National Governors' Association, Center for Best Practices. 2008. (614.01/N211a) www.nga.org/Files/pdf/0809EHEALTHREPORT.PDF

"Ask the Experts: Health Information Technology" / Kaiser-network.org, HealthCast, June 30, 2005.

The Web cast of a panel discussion addressing, "What is the government's role in developing an electronic medical information network? Can enhanced access to medical information improve quality of care as well as reduce cost and errors? What steps are necessary to protect patient privacy?"—Web site www.kaisernetwork.org/health_cast/hcast_index.cfm?display=detail&hc=1462

Evidence on the Costs and Benefits of Health Information Technology / U.S. Congressional Budget Office. 2008. (614.01/X9) The CBO "examines the evidence on the costs and benefits of health information technology, possible barriers to a broader distribution and use of it in hospitals and clinicians' offices, and possible options for the federal government to promote use of health IT." www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/91xx/doc9168/HealthITTOC.2.1.htm

Health Care – National Strategy Needed to Accelerate the Implementation of Information Technology: Testimony Before the Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, House of Representatives / U.S. Government Accountability Office. 2004. (614.01/X10) www.gao.gov/new.items/d04947t.pdf

"Health Information Technology" / Project Hope, Health Affairs, 2005. (614.23/P94/v.24/no.5) An issue of *Health Affairs* devoted to health information technology.

"Health Information Technology: Can HIT Lower Costs and Improve Quality?" / RAND Health, Research Highlights, 2005. www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/2005/RAND_RB9136.pdf

Health Information Technology: HHS Has Taken Important Steps to Address Privacy Principles and Challenges, Although More Work Remains / U.S. Government Accountability Office. 2008. www.gao.gov/new.items/d081138.pdf

Health Information Technology: HHS Is Pursuing Efforts to Advance Nationwide Implementation, but Has Not Yet Completed a National Strategy / U.S. Government Accountability Office. 2008. www.gao.gov/new.items/d08499t.pdf

Health Information Technology: More than the Money / Alliance for Health Reform. October 2008. (614.01/AL5a) Discusses the potential benefits, beyond cost savings, of increasing use of HIT. www.allhealth.org/publications/Health_information_technology/Health_Information_Technology_More_Than_the_Money_86.pdf

Health Information Technology: What Are the States Doing? The 2008 AcademyHealth State Health Policy and Research Interest Group Policy Breakfast / The Commonwealth Fund. 2008. Webcast. www.commonwealthfund.org/multimedia/multimedia_show.htm?doc_id=669971

"High-Tech Medical Records: Can Electronic Records Transform Health Care?" / Kory Mertz and Donna Folkemer, State Legislatures, p.24-28, June 2008. (328.11/N214/2008/v. 34/no.6) Provides a summary of issues surrounding the use of electronic medical records and state efforts to increase their use.

H.R. 6357: Protecting Records, Optimizing Treatment, and Easing Communication through Healthcare Technology Act of 2008 / U.S. Congressional Budget Office. 2008. (614.01/X8) Provides an estimate of the fiscal effects of the health information technology provisions of H.R. 6357. www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/97xx/doc9731/hr6357.pdf

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Key Capabilities of an Electronic Health Record System: Letter Report / U.S. Institute of Medicine, Board on Health Care Services. 2003. (614.01/In7a)

www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=10781

Linking Providers Via Health Information Networks / Alliance for Health Reform. December 2006. (614.01/AL5) Discusses the potential for improving health care quality using health information networks and issues policy makers face in determining how to create those networks.

“The Value of Health Care Information Exchange and Interoperability” / Jan Walker, et al., Project Hope, *Health Affairs Web Exclusive*, January 19, 2005, pages W5-10 to W5-18 (614.23/P94a/ 2005/Jan.-June) This issue includes several additional articles on Health Information Technology. Available in print at the library or electronically on the Wisconsin Legislative Network only at:

<http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/reprint/hlthaff.w5.10v1>

***Wisconsin eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board publications.** <http://ehealthboard.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/reports>

- *Annual Report, 2007*
- *Consumer Interests Workgroup Final Report (2006)*
- *Financing Workgroup Final Report (2006)*
- *Governance Workgroup Final Report (2006)*
- *Information Exchange Workgroup Final Report (2006)*
- *Patient Care Workgroup Final Report (2006)*
- *Wisconsin Ambulatory Health Information Technology (HIT) Survey 2006-2007*
- *Wisconsin eHealth Action Plan (2006)*

Related Web Sites

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services):

<http://healthit.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=654&&PageID=14760&mode=2&cached=true>

Alliance for Health Reform, Health Information Technology publications: www.allhealth.org/issues.asp?wi=4 “A nonpartisan, nonprofit group, the Alliance believes that all in the U.S. should have health coverage at a reasonable cost. But we do not lobby for any particular blueprint, nor do we take positions on legislation.”

eHealth Initiative: www.ehealthinitiative.org “The eHealth Initiative and the Foundation for eHealth Initiative are independent, non-profit affiliated organizations whose missions are the same: to drive improvement in the quality, safety, and efficiency of health-care through information and information technology.”

Government Health IT: www.govhealthit.com “News, Analysis, & Opinion on Impact of Government on Health IT.”

Kaisernetwork.org Health Information Technology resources: www.kaisernetwork.org/static/spotlight_hit.cfm

National Conference of State Legislatures

- **HIT Champions (HITCh) page:** www.ncsl.org/programs/health/forum/hitch “States have a vital role to play as health sector transforms from a paper to an electronic system. The Health Information Technology Champions (HITCh) project was created to help facilitate this transformation by establishing and developing state legislative policy expertise around health IT.”
- **Health Information Technology articles:** www.ncsl.org/programs/health/shn/hit.htm

The State-Level Health Information Exchange (HIE) Consensus Project: www.slhie.org “The focus of this Project is on activities organized at the state level to advance HIE.” Including activities by non-governmental groups.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Information Technology Home: www.hhs.gov/healthit Provides information about federal efforts to promote HIT. The HHS Web site includes a link to the Web site for the American Health Information Community (AHIC) Workgroup on Electronic Health Records.

Wisconsin eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board: <http://ehealthboard.dhfs.wisconsin.gov>

Wisconsin Health Information Exchange (WHIE): www.whie.org/aboutus.html “The mission of WHIE is to provide a system where diverse stakeholders collaborate to enable secure, confidential exchange of health information between authorized users.”

Wisconsin Medical Society, CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid) EHR (Electronic Health Record) Demonstration: www.wisconsinmedicalsociety.org/ehrdemo CMS chose Wisconsin to be one of 12 sites participating in a 5-year demonstration to “encourage small- to medium-sized primary care physician practices to use electronic health records (EHR) to improve the quality of patient care.” This Web site provides a summary and background of the project, set to begin in 2009.

*This title or portions of this Web site are also available through the Wisconsin Digital Archives at <http://cdm267601.cdmhost.com>